

Acts and Laws,

Made and passed by the General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut, in America; holden at New-Haven, in said Colony, on the Second Thursday of October, in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, King of GREAT-BRITAIN, &c. Annoque Domini, 1772.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this Colony, entituled, "An Act for forming and regulating the "Militia, and for the Encouragement of Military "Skill; for the better Defence of this Colony."

E it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Warrant or Warrants that shall hereafter be issued and granted out against any Person or Persons, for any Fine or Fines for neglecting or not attending Military Duty, shall be issued against the Body of such Delinquent, as well as against his personal Estate: And the Body or Bodies of such Delinquent or Delinquents shall and may be, by Force of such Warrant, committed to, and held in Goal until such Delinquent shall pay and satisfy such Fine or Fines, as in Cases of Execution for Debt.

Perfons naglecting Military Duty, their Bodies liable to Impriforment for Fines,

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Punishing the stealing of Horses.

At what Age private Centinels exempt.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That for the future, no Person shall be compelled to serve as a private Centinel in the Militia, after he has arrived to the Age of Forty Five Years.

Two Paragraphs repealed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That the Two last Paragraphs of the Law of this Colony, entituled, " An Act for Explanation and Alteration of the Law " of this Colony, entituled, An Act for forming and regula-" ting the Militia, and for the Encouragement of Military " Skill, for the better Defence of this Colony," be repealed, and the same are hereby repealed, and made null and void.

An Act for preventing and punishing the stealing of Horses. W.S.

Persons guilty of stealing Horses, how punished.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the Same, That whoever shall steal any Horse within this Colony, and be thereof duly convicted, shall pay and fatisfy to the Owner of such Horse Treble the Value thereof, and also pay as a Fine to the Colony Treasury the Sum of Ten Pounds, and be further punished by being publicly whipped on the naked Body, not exceeding Fifteen Stripes, and be confined in a Work-House or House of Correction, not exceeding Three Months; there to be kept at hard Labour, and be further whipped on the First Monday of each Month, not exceeding Tea Stripes each Time; and for want of Estate wherewith to pay and fatisfy such Damages and Fine, the Court before whom such Conviction is had, may assign such Delinquent in Service, fo long as they shall judge proper, to the Party injured, or his Assigns, if he or they will accept thereof, or otherwise to any of His Majesty's Subjects.

And to encourage the detecting such Offenders;

Persons detecting Horse Stealers, how paid.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall The Costs of be paid out of the Colony Treasury to the Person detecting and profecuting fuch Thief to effect, in any County Court or Superior Court in this Colony, his Costs expended in such Profecution, not exceeding Six Pounds.

Vessels passing through the Rope Ferry.

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An Act for preventing Vessels passing through the Rope Ferry (so called) in New-London, in the Night Season.

WHEREAS Travellers are frequently much retarded in their Business by the Ferry Rope over the said Ferry Preamble. being carried away, and the Boat going a-drift, by Vessels passing through said Ferry in the Night Season.

Which to prevent:

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Sloop or other Vessel shall pass either up or down said River, through said Ferry-Place, from Six o'Clock Afternoon, until Six o'Clock in the Morning, between the First of October and the First of March, Annually; nor from Nine o'Clock in the Evening, until Five o'Clock in the Morning, between the First of March and the First of October, Annually, without giving Notice to the Ferryman One Hour at least, before such Vessels shall attempt to pass through faid Ferry.

Vessels not to pass thro' the RopeFerry in the Night, without giving

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Master or other Commander of any Sloop or other Vessel, shall be guilty of a Breach of this Act, he shall forfeit of 40s, and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for every fuch Offence, one Half to the Owner or Proprietor of faid Ferry, the other Half to the Town Treasury of New-London.

On Penalty

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